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From: Mehta-Sampath, Ameesha
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 2:51 PM
To: Joseph, Towana; Caldwell, Lance
Subject: FW: CURES: SAVE THE DATE: 11 am, March 22 - zoom with US EPA Region 2 re. Mapping EJ Communities adversely impacted by waste-by-rail for this map?

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From: CURES <civicsunited@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:15 PM
To: Joseph, Towana <Joseph.Towana@epa.gov>
Cc: Andrea Scarborough <andrea.scarborough@att.net>; drobertssemple@york.cuny.edu; Danielle Dubno-Hammer <ddubnohammer@ihpch.org>; Guel, Luz <luz.guel@mssm.edu>; terry.thompson@mssm.edu; W Goodman <wyliegoodman@gmail.com>; jill.sigman@live.law.cuny.edu; bratspies@law.cuny.edu; Mehta-Sampath, Ameesha <Mehta-Sampath.Ameesha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CURES: SAVE THE DATE: 11 am, March 22 - zoom with US EPA Region 2 re. Mapping EJ Communities adversely impacted by waste-by-rail for this map?

Can you please resend it, Towana, the one for the 22nd at 11 am? I got one for 16th that said it had been canceled. Thank you very much. Best, Mary

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On Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 1:21 PM Joseph, Towana <Joseph.Towana@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi All,

The Teams meeting link has been sent. If you have not received it, please let me know. I will resend.

Thanks

Towana

From: CURES <civicsunited@gmail.com>
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Dear Team, The date and time have always been March 22, 11 am. Towana will be sending out a Teams meeting invitation. Best, Mary

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On Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 7:09 PM CURES <civicsunited@gmail.com> wrote:

A zoom invitation will follow. Mary A

On Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 6:14 PM CURES <civicsunited@gmail.com> wrote:

Towana, The 18th and the 22nd of March late morning look like the best times for most of the group. I hope that one of those days will work for you. The people copied in this email are associated with the Mt. Sinai grant previously shared with you, so you have some biosketches and other info. about them. Since I first got in touch with you, waste-by-rail has come up as a possible transportation mode for waste export at the grant-funded study site, and we have been made aware of waste-by-rail provisions in NYC's Waste Equity legislation. This could mean that more neighborhoods will be adversely impacted by locomotive pollution, adding urgency to this work. For the mobile sources initiative: NYMTC has been made aware of the waste-by-rail provisions in LL-152. Gerry Bogacz offered that "...the freight element of our next Regional Transportation Plan, which will be released for public review in June, will include a "supply chain" section on waste movement by mode and a long-term forecast." Best, Mary

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From: **Mehta-Sampath, Ameesha** <Mehta-Sampath.Ameesha@epa.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 2:30 PM
Subject: RE: CURES: Mapping EJ Communities adversely impacted by waste-by-rail for this map?
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Hi! Mary,

Thanks so much for reaching out to us. I wanted to introduce Towana Boutin (Joseph) is who our EJ and Childrens Health Coordinator. Lance Caldwell also works closely with Towana on various EJ issues. Both Lance and Towana are also our EJSCREEN leads. Nicki is our community engagement coordinator so her work also supports EJ and Childrens Health issues.

I have also cc'd Reema Loutan and Dan Birkett who are our leads on the mobile sources initiative which would oversee rail transportation.

Towana will reach out to you to schedule a meeting. Please send her some available dates and times.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Thanks,

Ameesha

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has”.

[Margaret Mead](#)

From: CURES <civicsunited@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2021 1:43 PM

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Subject: CURES: Mapping EJ Communities adversely impacted by waste-by-rail for this map?

Nicole, Ameesha, It was so good to "meet" you at the zoom and to learn about EPA's resources for mapping communities burdened with environmental injustice. This map is going to appear in an upcoming publication, The State of Waste in Queens. It was produced by BetaNYC working with the group that is preparing the report, the Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board. This is the group that is participating in the Mt. Sinai-funded grant project that Maida, Luz, and other principals presented at the zoom, the group I have been working with.

CURES has worked with US EPA Region 2 since 2009 (Ray Werner, Marina Castro, and others) on freight locomotive pollution repowering, with some success: <https://www.epa.gov/ports-initiative/new-york-city-locomotive-repowers-collaborative-efforts-improve-air-quality>

The yellow zone on the map above shows residents (enumerated in the table) within one kilometer of freight rail facilities that are or will be used for waste-by-rail operations that pollute the air with: 1. Diesel emissions from unregulated 1970's freight locomotives, and 2. Waste blowoff and leachate from "Construction & Demolition Debris Residue" that is hauled in open rail cars. More recently we have been working on waste export with QSWAB, including with Andrea Scarborough, because the communities who live with waste export are dealing with these same issues, except in their community it's trucks, not trains, and transfer stations, not open rail cars.

Because of our work with Andrea and QSWAB, we believe that more focus needs to be placed on these adverse impacts in locations in the yellow zone that are officially identified as communities burdened by environmental injustice. What kind of format is needed for using your data sets and do you personally undertake mapping work in your agency?

So pleased to have found you in the course of this work! I look forward to hearing from you.

Best, Mary

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